

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Toru SHIOZAKI et al. :  
Serial No. NEW : **Attn: Application Branch**  
Filed February 15, 2002 : **Attorney Docket No. 2002\_0249**

OPTICAL AMPLIFYING DEVICE  
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional  
of Serial No. 09/773,613,  
Filed February 2, 2001)

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO MAKE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
APPLICATION'S PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following paragraph following the title on page 1, line 3 of the  
specification:

This is a Divisional Application of Serial No. 09/773,613, filed February 2, 2001.


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**REMARKS**

Please enter the above amendments prior to consideration of the merits of the present application. A copy of the amended portion of the specification with changes marked therein is attached and entitled "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,

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